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Jet Bomber's Secret Flight

Honolulu, Feb. 28. The US Air Force giant six jet B-47 bomber left Hickam Field at 6.38 GMT today for an unannounced destination. The big Boeing Stratojet—big as a Superfortress and as fast as a fighter plane—soared low over Honolulu and disappeared to the East. As was the case when the bomber arrived here on February 22, the Air Force kept silence as to the plane's movement. The take-off was not announced. An Air Force spokesman said military security prohibited giving the plane's destination. Associated Press.

Britain Appeals To Peking

"Co-operate With Good Offices Committee"

London, Feb. 28. Britain appealed today to Communist China to discuss Korean peace with the United Nations' Good Offices Committee, and warned that otherwise the Chinese face a "harder settlement."

The plea was made by Lord Henderson, Parliamentary Foreign Under-Secretary, in a debate in the House of Commons. Lord Henderson said: "On behalf of His Majesty's Government, I make this appeal to the Chinese government."

"Co-operate with the Good Offices Committee. You have nothing to fear from co-operation with the United Nations. You will make a settlement far harder by turning your back on the United Nations and refusing to negotiate. You say you want peace in Korea. The United Nations have shown the way to peace. It is solely within your power to join with the Good Offices Committee to bring about a peaceful settlement in Korea." Associated Press.

Level Crossing Tragedy

Tokyo, Feb. 28. Four were killed when a truck collided with a freight train at a crossing between Tomobe and Iwama, near Mito, on Tuesday night. The crossing had neither signals nor watchman. Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Basic Issues Made Clearer

THE role which Russia has played to date in the Korean war is fairly clear: she has supplied the North Koreans and the Chinese Communists with weapons, materials and military advisers. Less obvious are the Kremlin's future intentions; nor were they clarified by Premier Stalin's recent interview. He held out no more hope of trying to bring about a settlement than has been offered by his spokesmen in the United Nations. Nevertheless, his statement did make the issue plain. The formula is familiar: the way to have peace is to surrender. The Soviet dictator, however, amplified this to the extent of stating the alternative, when he said: "If Britain and the United States reject finally the proposals made by the People's Government of China, the war in Korea can only end in the defeat of the interventionists." The statement attracts interest, first of all for its quasi-ultimative character. Stalin's sentence is merely a slightly longer way of saying "surrender, or else." This can be read as a reassurance to the Chinese Communist "volunteers" that the Soviet Union will not forsake them, if one likes so to interpret it. It seems, certainly, to be directed to domestic Communist consumption in Russia and China rather than to the major part of the free world, which has already shown its unwillingness to be intimidated. Practically significant, also, was the naming of Britain and the United States as those who must accept the Chinese Communist terms. That fits in both with the action that the United

Russia And The Kuriles

DULLES DEFINES US ATTITUDE

Washington, Feb. 28. Ambassador John Foster Dulles suggested today that the United States may not recognise as legal Russia's possession of the Kurile Islands and South Sakhalin unless Russia participates in making and signing a peace treaty with Japan.

Mr Dulles, just returned from conferences in Japan on a peace settlement, told a news conference that he did not see why Russia should enjoy the benefits of a treaty without joining it.

Mr Dulles also made clear that the US would dispute Russia's seizure of a small group of islands off the east coast of Hokkaido when they moved into the Kuriles after the war.

These islands are known as the Habomai.

Mr Dulles expressed the hope that the Russians will participate in the treaty-making, and said he has sent word to Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik at the United Nations suggesting talks about his conferences in Japan.

As have other American officials, Mr Dulles said he feels the United States and other friendly governments should go ahead with a Japanese peace treaty, without Russia if necessary.

Following a treaty, Mr Dulles said, there clearly will be an arrangement between Japan and the United States for some American land, sea and air forces to be maintained in the Japanese Islands despite the end of the occupation. Associated Press.

NEW CALL-UP POSSIBLE

Washington, Feb. 28. General Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, told Congress today it was "wholly possible" he might be forced to order two more National Guard divisions to active service before the end of the year. However, he emphasized that there were no plans at present to mobilise any new National Guard divisions or any major organised reserve units before July. It is though "definitely will call up additional smaller units of both the Guard and reserve." United Press.

New S'pore Ban

Singapore, Feb. 28. The Government of Singapore has prohibited the export of newspaper owing to an acute paper shortage here. Associated Press.

US MARINES BEGIN NEW ATTACK

Red Defences At Hoengsong The Objective

With First Marine Division on the Central Front, Mar. 1.

The Marines jumped off shortly after dawn on Thursday toward Hoengsong, punching into what is believed to be the main Red central defence line in central Korea.

The Marines struck towards series of deep peaks overlooking Hoengsong west of the Twinnan River. First reports said the Marines were "meeting some resistance" from small arms and automatic weapons. The Marines began moving out on the attack at 7 a.m. It was fully underway by 7.30 a.m.

The Marines attacked in bright sunlight after spending the night in a cold drizzling rain. Their first objective was a rugged half-bald hill which the South Koreans had captured several times previously and then lost to grenade-throwing Chinese attacking up the steep slope.

The Marines were driving to cut the main Hoengsong-Hongchong highway running north-west out of Hoengsong.

Front-line officers believed that the enemy's main defence line is established in the towering mountain ridge north of Hoengsong and to the west protecting the approaches to Hongchong, which is the main highway communications centre and Army Headquarters of the Chinese Communists in Central Korea.

There were indications that the Chinese have elements of at least two divisions strongly entrenched in these positions around Hoengsong, divisions which it was believed have been ordered to make an all-out stand against the Marines.

The Marines driving on Hoengsong last week thought that the Chinese would make a stand on the approaches to the ruined town. The Communists failed to do this, pulling out to positions overlooking it to the north and northwest, while leaving company-sized holding forces on two strategic hills which the objectives of today's attack.

These hill positions north of Hoengsong are perfectly suited for defence and if the Chinese make the stand expected of them the Marines will have one of the toughest battles of their Korean campaign. United Press.

SECOND ASSAULT

Eighth Army H.Q., March 1. Americans, British Commonwealth and South Korean troops, on a 17-mile front west of Hoengsong, jumped off on limited objective attacks today simultaneously with the Marines attacking at Hoengsong.

The American First Cavalry, Australian and Canadian Infantrymen of the British 27th Brigade and South Koreans of the Sixth ROK Division struck into the ridge-line outpost system of the Chinese 42nd and 68th Armies defending the Hoengsong-Yongdu lateral road.

Yongdu, a mountain town, is on the left flank of this front drove up the highway to the hills overlooking Yongdu from the southwest and swung into the ridges west of that road junction town.

Canadian troops on Wednesday seized two important hills, one mile east-southeast of Yongdu as the Chinese withdrew after an Australian penetration on Tuesday had exposed their flank.

The Ninth Corps attack is moving cautiously from ridge to ridge with limited objectives. Both Hoengsong and Yongdu were no-man's-land this morning, but the 15-mile long lateral road linking the two towns was believed to be heavily defended by the forward echelons of the main Chinese mass in central Korea. United Press.

SURPRISE ADVANCE

Tokyo, March 1. US Seventh Infantry Division tanks and troops on Wednesday rammed six miles through surprised and disorganised Communist forces in East-Central Korea, 31 miles south of the 38th Parallel.

It was the deepest penetration of the shattered Eastern end of the Communist defence since Lieutenant-General Matthew B. Ridgway's Eighth Army took the offensive on January 25. Field dispatches said an armoured patrol of the Seventh penetrated into a mountain wilderness within sight of Amidong, 21 miles south of the 38th Parallel.

The broken North Korean Third Corps had not expected pursuit into this wild area, reported Associated Press correspondents from Seoul. The Red army's retreat was described as a "panic withdrawal."

Argentine Honour For Envoy

Buenos Aires, Feb. 28. President Juan Peron today invested the Egyptian Minister, Mohammed Elorbi Bey, with the Order of the Liberator General San Martin, with the rank of Grand Officer. Reuter.

MacArthur At The Front



An unidentified American soldier towers over General MacArthur as the Allied Commander pauses to chat with him during a review of UN troops at the Kimp'o airfield, near Seoul, recently. The General, presenting an unfamiliar appearance without his sunglasses and usual braided cap, was making his tenth visit to the Korean front.—AP Picture.

US Politician Denies Gamblers Aided Him

Washington, Feb. 28. Governor Forrest Smith of Missouri on Wednesday denied that gamblers had contributed to his election campaign funds.

A Senate crime-investigating committee had said there is no doubt Governor Ruler Warren of Florida and Smith were aided in their campaigns by "known gamblers."

The committee, in a report, said there was more than a passing connection between Smith's appointment of two members to Kansas City police jobs and the murder of Charles Binaggio.

The two members were known to favour allowing gamblers a free hand, the report said.

Binaggio, Democratic political leader in Kansas City, was murdered on April 5 last. His killer or killers are still at liberty.

Governor Smith, who made his denial on Wednesday at Jefferson City, his capital, declined to express any opinion on the Binaggio killing.

It has been suggested he was slain because he failed to keep his promise to give gamblers a free hand after Smith's election.

The committee, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver, Democrat of Tennessee, gave a startling picture of a vast secret underworld government, whose czar is Charles "Lucky" Luciano, the deported New York vice chief who is now in Italy.

That government, they said, could easily become the basis for a subversive movement which could seek the nation's ruin.

Luciano, exiled from Italy, the disputes between America's two major crime syndicates, the Senators said.

One of the syndicates has an axis between Miami, Florida, and the Chicago Capone syndicate, now headed by Tony Accardo, the Fishetti brothers and Jake Guzik, the report said.

The other was said to have an axis between New York and Miami and is headed by Frank Costello and Joe Adonis. Costello is described in the report as the "underground leader in the New York City area."

The committee said there is an apparent understanding among the operators of these gangs not to infringe on each other's activities and then declared:

"The racketeer who can be said to be the 'head' who sits as arbitrator of any disputes between the two is Charles Luciano."

Although Luciano is in Italy, he maintained associations with both groups through former affiliates, the report said.

Luciano was sentenced to 30 to 50 years in the early 1930s for vice offences. He was deported after serving 10 years. The committee said that these criminal groups operate in many places with the connivance and protection of law-enforcement officials at "all levels of the government."

They estimated "conservatively" that \$20,000,000,000 changes hands every year in the US as a result of revenue from illegal gambling. Much of this is paid in protection money. Associated Press.

Gen. De Lattre Confident

Salon, Feb. 28. General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, French Commander and High Commissioner in Indo-China, told Vietnamese Cabinet Ministers at a dinner tonight that he could now defend Tonkin against any aggression.

The General said that there was no question of retreating from Tonkin. He called on Indo-China's three Associated States—Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos—to build their armies quickly to help share in the defence of their independence. Reuter.

Mr Bevin Urged To Resign

London, Feb. 28. Conservative and Liberal leaders in the House of Lords called today for a new Foreign Secretary to replace Mr Ernest Bevin.

They made the demand on the eve of Mr Bevin's return to the Foreign Office after his recovery from an attack of pneumonia.

The Foreign Secretary, who has been in poor health for a year, has replied that he intends to resign.

Speaking in a debate in the Conservative-dominated Upper Chamber, the Conservative leader, Lord Salisbury, declared, "In times like these the Government must have a Foreign Secretary who can function."

The Liberal Peer, Lord Samuel, said, "The nation is disturbed to think that the burdens of foreign secretaryship have been so long in the hands of a man whose health is so precarious. Mr Bevin appears to be." Reuter.

Terrorists Grow Active

Singapore, Feb. 28. Colonial Secretary W. L. Blythe told the Singapore Legislative Council that Communist terrorists had increased their activities.

"During the last three months in Singapore," he said, "there has been greater activity by subversive elements, particularly in connection with schools, arson and assassination, than we have seen in any three-month period since the Emergency began."

The Council approved another three-month extension of the state of emergency.

The emergency proclamation was first issued in Singapore and the Federation of Malaya on June 1, 1948. It gave Government authorities extraordinary powers in fighting Communist terrorism. Associated Press.

FRENCH GOVT. FALLS

President Summons Political Leaders

Paris, Feb. 28. The coalition government of Premier Rene Pleven, which has steered France through the first stages of rearming for Western defence, resigned tonight because of a deadlock in Parliament over changes in the French election law, a domestic political issue.

The Cabinet had been in office ten days short of eight months. It was France's 18th Government since the liberation, of this nation from the Germans.

President Vincent Auriol reluctantly accepted the resignation after refusing it twice previously within 24 hours. He summoned political leaders promptly for talks on the choice of a successor to M. Pleven.

M. Auriol is a Socialist. M. Pleven, a Breton business man in private life, is a member of a small splinter group, the Democratic Socialist Union, of the Resistance, which is allied with the Moderate Radical Socialists. He formerly was Defence Minister.

The crisis broke at a critical time for France, the key European country in defence plans of the North Atlantic Alliance. She is preparing for a possible Big Four, deputies' meeting in Paris to open the way for a conference of United States, British, French and Russian Foreign Ministers on East-West problems.

President Auriol is getting ready to leave on March 20 for the United States for a state visit to President Harry Truman in a demonstration of American-French friendship. M. Pleven conferred with President Truman in Washington last month on Atlantic defence questions and flew later to Ottawa for similar talks. On M. Pleven's return, Parliament endorsed his actions, 401 to 172. Associated Press.

BRITON SHOT DEAD

Manila, Mar. 1. A British steamship lines official was shot and killed by an unknown assailant early today.

The official, Mr F.M. Gispert of London, secretary and assistant manager of Associated Steamship Lines, was shot at 7.10 a.m. on the third floor of the Port Terminal Building where the steamship lines office is located.

Members of the Police homicide Squad are conducting an investigation. Associated Steamship Lines sources confirmed that Mr Gispert was killed but refused to give details. United Press.

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BALT, PEPPER, 2-3 TABLESPOONS OIL, 1 TABLESPOON VINEGAR

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Cozy, Cover-all Robe—Perfect for Lounging

How many times have you wanted to get into your nightie, yet sit and write some letters or read? If such is your habit, then you will revel in this soft, flattering cover-all, boat-neck robe that is so easy to make, so cozy coming, and that you will never again be without one.

Buy a tube of jersey in a length shoulder to floor, plus 3/4 yd.—Straighten fabric and cut off two crosswise 2" strips to use for binding neck and sleeves. Now cut off 12" for sleeves.

To Chalk Out Robe: Fold tube as shown, fold next to you. B is 1/2 neck less 1" above A. Place sleeve piece along creased folds as shown, lapping for a 3/4" seam.

Measure in from edge 2" for C. Draw a line B to C for a shoulder seam.

To Make: Slash folds C-D and E-F of sleeve piece. Stitch underarm seam of each sleeve D to E.

Slash both edges of tube, F to F, join sleeves to line E-F. Stitch seams B to C.



Frankly Feminine



Silk taffeta afternoon dress.

By VERA WINSTON

Household Hints

Badly soiled sections of work clothes and children's play clothes should be rubbed with soap, then rolled up in individual bundles and put in the wash tubs to soak. This helps to loosen stubborn dirt before going ahead with the regular washing, whether in a machine or by hand.

To test a pancake griddle, drop a few drops of cold water on it. If the water forms small bubbles that hiss and dance over the surface of the griddle, it is hot enough to pour on the batter.

Garbo Never Married

Hollywood.

Although frequently reported engaged, Garbo has never married.

Gossip columnists' reports on her interest in actor George Brent, novelist Erich Maria Remarque, and conductor Leopold Stokowski, drew the comment from her: "What poor imagination publicity men have. Their only idea to attract attention is to say I'm going to get married, when there are so many other interesting things in life."

In 1947 Garbo signed a contract to make a film based on the life of George Sand, "Lover and Friend," with James Mason. But her conditions of 175,000 dollars salary before filming, and the film to be completed in seven weeks, could not be met and the film was not made.

Again Fell Out

Two years later producer Walter Wanger announced Garbo and Mason would star in "La Duchesse de Langeais." Garbo had chosen this story of a worldly duchess who became a nun. But no one would produce the necessary million dollars needed.

Early last year she became interested in starring in "The Magic Mountain."

Many conferences were held but Garbo again backed out.

Last October producer Jerry Wald offered her the chance to remake the French film, "The Blue Veil."

She said: "I think it is too sad. I do want to do another film, but it must be a romantic drama."

DUMB BELLS

LET ME THINK, WHO PAINTED THIS PICTURE?

IT'S A LITHOGRAPH!

OF COURSE, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE STYLE

THANKS TO FRANK SINTRA FOR THE CLUE

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Contract Stolen In Broad Daylight

NORTH			
♠	A873		
♥	702		
♦	KQ4		
♣	J64		
WEST			
♠	J943		
♥	1086		
♦	573		
♣	A10		
EAST			
♠	105		
♥	K92		
♦	KQ72		
♣	553		
SOUTH (D)			
♠	KQ8		
♥	AQ98		
♦	A106		
♣	553		
N-S vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Opening lead—♠3			

By OSWALD JACOBY

"AM about to go out of my mind," complains a New York City correspondent. "My partner let himself be talked out of the proper defence even though I gave him a vital clue to the actual situation."

"Nevertheless, I get no sympathy from any of my expert friends. They all pull a long face and say that it was very hard for my partner to do the right thing."

West opened the three of diamonds, dummy won with the queen, and I (holding the East cards) played the ace. Declarer looked at the dummy for a few seconds and then led the four of clubs from dummy.

"I looked at the four of clubs for perhaps half a second—just long enough to decide to play the nine of clubs. When my nine appeared, South played the three of clubs. And my dim-witted partner won with the ten of clubs. More, he insulted my judgment by leading back another diamond, although I had played the discouraging deuce at the first trick."

"Declarer won in dummy with the king of diamonds and finessed the queen of hearts. When that over, he dealt a low heart, won and led a club, but the party was over. My partner's ace blocked the suit."

"By this time South had needed tricks in high cards and needed only a break-in-the-middle—spades or hearts to make his contract. Since the hearts broke 3-3, he was home. Tell me truthfully, did my partner really have a dumb problem or did he have a brainfart?"

"Then's fighting words, my anguished friend. I would say that West made a very bad play, but that's as far as I'll go. To begin with, it should be clear that South does not have a concealed five-card club suit, considering the bidding. Therefore the nine of clubs cannot, possibly be East's lowest club; it must be a signal."

"East what sort of holding could he have? He couldn't possibly do so from four or more clubs to the king-queen or queen-king. Besides, why would declarer attack such a suit and then fail to play high from his own hand?"

"The only possible conclusion is that East has a long club suit headed by king-queen-nine and that South has attempted a whole hand play. Unquestionably West should have won with the ace of clubs and returned the ten of clubs at once."

Incidentally, South probably would have made the contract if he had gone after it in more straightforward style. After winning the first diamond in dummy, he should lead a heart and finesse the nine. West with the ten and must immediately shift to clubs to defeat the contract. The chances are he would not think of doing so.

With any other return, declarer has time to take another heart finesse, cash his top tricks and find out what the two aces in the suit are split 3-3. I must admit, however, that there isn't as much satisfaction in making a contract normally as there is in stealing it from under the opponents' noses!

POCKET CARTOON



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"A design for a seal submitted to the Wisbech Water Board incorporated a chubby cupid. The Board has rejected it as inappropriate."

A LONG, long time ago when you were in petticoats, we once had much the same problem. At that time we were running a circus at Oxford (later known as "Oxford Circus"), and Professor Hargreaves, our faithful old ringmaster, submitted a design for a new type of seal with a built-in motor horn.

The creature whom we christened "Witness" on sight, was never popular with his team-mates, frank and outspoken. You care less for ideological theories than you do for ideas that actually work. In other words, you commit yourself on anything you want to be shown that the idea is sound and that it has a good chance for success. You have little patience with dream castles and potential "tomorrows."

You want what you want today! All this means that you have the potentialities for material success and that you are not one to let fortune without too much difficulty. Once you have determined to do something, you are devoted in your determination. Fair-minded and thoroughly honest toward any competitor, you still are not one to let an opportunity pass you by. If you see something you want, you go right after it. If there is com-

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

If you are born today, you are eminently practical, business-like, frank and outspoken. You care less for ideological theories than you do for ideas that actually work. In other words, you commit yourself on anything you want to be shown that the idea is sound and that it has a good chance for success. You have little patience with dream castles and potential "tomorrows."

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FRIDAY, MARCH 2

PLACES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The calm during a stormy domestic crisis and all will go well. You can mediate difficulties easily.

BRAGGADOCIA

By T. O. HARE

SOME have called Braggadocia and its politics comic-opera politics. Braggadocia would know better. It is a country that during the last four years (1947-50) has been the scene of a political struggle of the highest order. It has held for one year each of the four principal offices of state. The Chancellor to whom was introduced in 1947 was Braggadocia's Foreign Minister in 1949.

Mosquito was Lord High Treasurer in 1947. Napoux was Minister of the Interior in 1948. Braggadocia was Chief of Police the most popular chief ever—1949.

What most did Tjani take over this year and from the past is the Chief of Police.

(Solution on Page 8)

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the shrew in Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew."
2. Name the first American winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.
3. What is a nerve bank?
4. Define aerodrome.
5. In baseball slang what is meant by a "can of corn, secondly, mean?"

(Answers on Page 8)

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Sounds as though you rode (an's western relations). (9)
2. Preliminary statement about pain (5)
3. The way to 'ay hold of Kate. (6)
4. Slide, and that's about all. (9)
5. I leave the wealth with a show. (7)
6. One anagram of avocet. (6)
7. A word meaning 'to be' (5)
8. Intention (5)
9. Put in merely to make the word. (5)
10. Does braud make up dining room furniture? (9)
11. He that be will he relay, dear? (6-4)
12. Down
13. Incidental narrative. (8)
14. These would call this restaurant. (9)
15. This pear will show up again. (5)
16. Wood from the claret. (9)
17. Watery retreat. (4)
18. You taught me all new names. (9)
19. All nice and tidy. (4)
20. Look to the window, not the door. (9)
21. A case of mounting gawds. (8)
22. An instrument for beating. (6)
23. Proves to be a great reward. (9)
24. A change of diet. (4)
25. Braggadocia's chief of police. (9)
26. As well as the ear, the brain has one. (9)
27. Sounds very like to pour. (4)

Answers to yesterday's crossword puzzle: 1. Q. R. D. 2. L. 3. K. 4. B. 5. K. 6. B. 7. K. 8. B. 9. K. 10. B. 11. K. 12. B. 13. K. 14. B. 15. K. 16. B. 17. K. 18. B. 19. K. 20. B. 21. K. 22. B. 23. K. 24. B. 25. K. 26. B. 27. K.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Milk-Horse's Vacation

—She Told Knarf All About It—

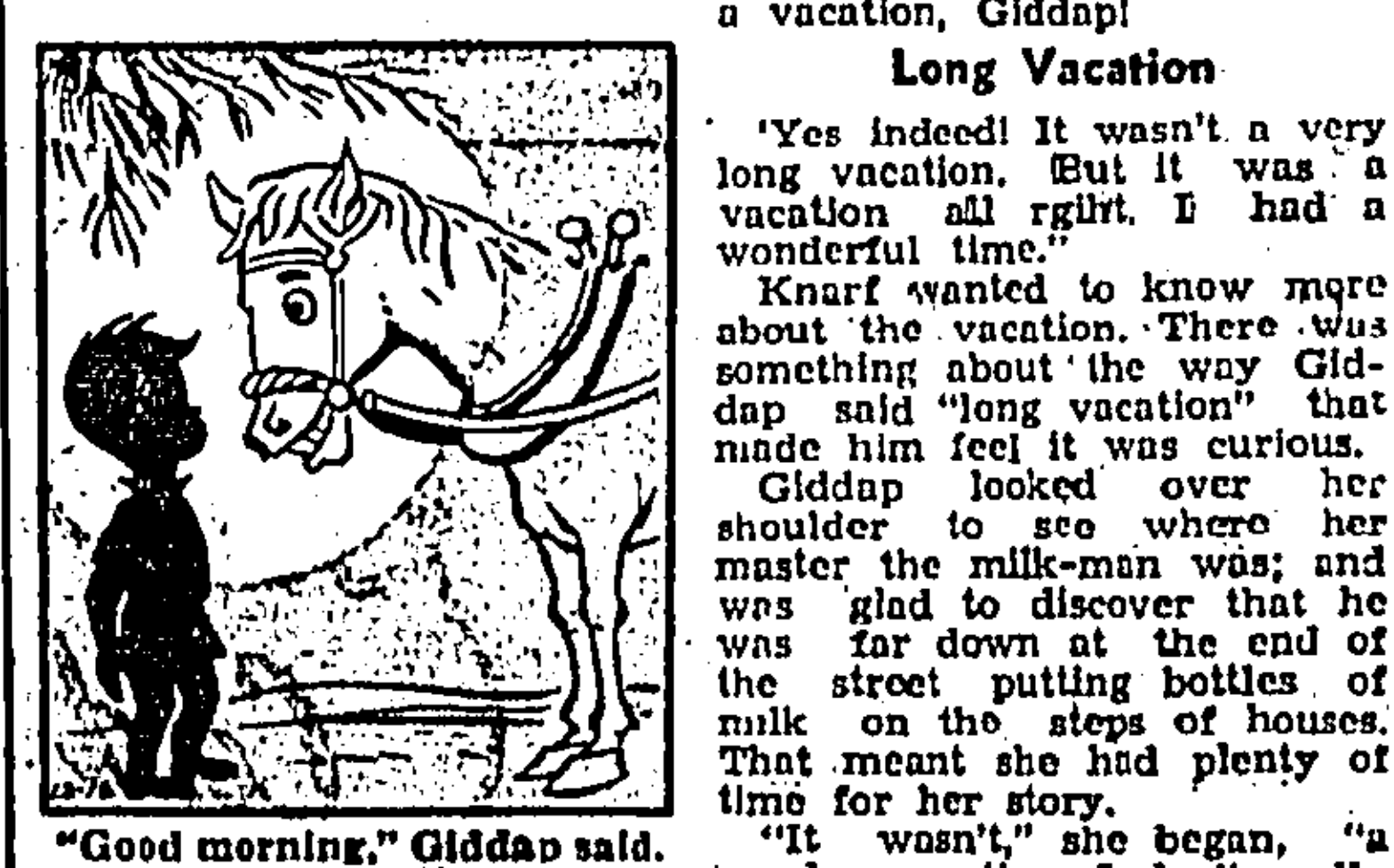
By MAX TRELL

"Oh, I was awake, Giddap. You're looking very well." Giddap wasn't a handsome horse. She had large bones, and some of them made bumps and ridges under her skin. She walked in a curious clumping way; and her heavy head bobbed up and down with every step that she took. But nevertheless she looked very well this morning.

"Thank you, Knarf," said Giddap, pleased with the compliment. "I've just come back from my vacation. That's why."

"A vacation?" exclaimed Knarf. "I didn't know you had a vacation, Giddap!"

"Good morning!" greeted Giddap when she saw Knarf. "I hope I didn't wake you. It's quite early."



"Good morning," Giddap said.

Rupert and the Blue Firework—15



When he has fastened his fur jacket the man goes down from the top room and chooses one of the round objects, making sure that it is full of the blue fireworks pointing in all directions. Then he picks up a shallow square box which he fastens to his back. "Oh, please, what is that thing?" asks Rupert.

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"Yes indeed! It wasn't a very long vacation. But it was a vacation all right. I had a wonderful time."

Knarf wanted to know more about the vacation. There was something about the way Giddap talked that made him feel that it was curious.

Giddap looked over her shoulder to see where her master the milk-maid was; and was glad to discover that he was far down at the end of the street, putting bottles of milk on the steps of houses. That meant she had plenty of time for her story.

"It wasn't," she began, "a regular vacation. I don't really

think I was supposed to have one. Milk-wagon horses aren't like other folks. They keep working all the time. But now and then, as I walked through the street pulling my wagon, I would get a feeling that I would rather see a tree than a lump of mud, and green grass instead of a paved road. I thought I'd rather hear a rooster crowing, and a hen cackling, and a duck quacking than the street putting bottles of milk on the steps of houses. That meant she had plenty of time for her story.

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DAIRY FARM

German Reds Try A New Approach

Berlin Proposals

Berlin, Feb. 28. East Germany's Socialist Unity Party today proposed an East-West "Action Committee," equally balanced, to set up an all-Berlin administration.

Western Allied officials here said that the offer had "the odour of another propaganda trick."

The Socialist Unity Party (SED) suggested that the Committee should have equal numbers from each side and should work out a provisional Constitution, fix the number and armament of a single police force, prepare a law for the protection of peace for the whole of Berlin and abolish the sector boundaries.

It should also discuss means to prevent militarisation, demand the withdrawal of all occupation forces from the city, introduce a currency for Berlin, and discuss the possibility of free democratic elections.

The Party based its programme to unite the city on the "urgent need of preserving peace in view of the American war preparations in Berlin." A spokesman of the British High Commission here said that the reunification of Berlin was not purely a German matter since Berlin was placed under four-power administration.

A United States High Commission official said that one of the first steps to reunite the city was to get the Allied Kommandatura to function again on a four-power level.

The Western Allied offers to hold free and democratic elections in all four sectors of Berlin had been flatly rejected by the Russians, he added.—Reuter.

THE EGG WAS ADDLED

London, Feb. 28. The failure of a Government scheme to provide Britain with 20 million eggs a year from a farm at Gambia, West Africa, was reported to the House of Commons today.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, said that the export of eggs would be discontinued because of fowl typhoid. The scheme, which had so far cost £225,000, would have to be considerably modified, he said.

A substantial part of the capital would be lost. Mr. Griffiths said today it had become clear that enough feeding stuffs for the number of poultry planned could not be grown on the island.—Reuter.

Soviet Strength In Germany

Berlin, Feb. 28. The West Berlin newspaper, Der Abend, quoting "Soviet Control Commission circles" in East Berlin, reported today that the Soviet Union had now 620,000 troops and 680 aircraft stationed in East Germany.

"These troops are organised into 25 divisions and nine air groups," Der Abend said. It claimed that these figures exceeded the highest estimates of the Western Press so far.

After the manoeuvres last November Allied intelligence experts put the Soviet Army strength in Germany at about 250,000 troops.—Reuter.

Baronet Given Order To Quit Scots Castle

Stonehaven, Scotland, Feb. 28.

Sir John Stuart Knill, 64-year-old Baronet, will have to leave his quarters in a Scottish Castle and seek lodgings elsewhere, a Judge decided here today.

With him will go his wife, three children, children, rabbits, litters of spaniel puppies, a cat and a box of mice.

The killed Baronet, reduced to such poverty that his wife, Lady Knill, went to work in a flax mill, rented the room in a "Lanarkshire Castle" for £1 a week. His landlady, Miss Ida Meldrum, sought a Court order to turn him out. She alleged that the rent had not been paid since March, 1950.—Reuter.

SCAP LIFTS BAN ON RED CROSS

Geneva, Feb. 28.

General Douglas MacArthur, the United Nations Commander-in-Chief in Korea, has lifted the ban on Red Cross national uniforms and emblems in Korea, the League of Red Cross Societies announced here today.

General MacArthur forbade members of the Red Cross teams in Korea to wear their own uniforms, insignia and protective emblems on the ground that they became members of the United Nations Command on arriving in Korea.

The British, Canadian, Danish and Norwegian Red Cross teams were informed on their arrival in Tokyo that they would not be allowed to wear the emblem. They protested to the International League of Red Cross Societies, which in turn protested to the United Nations.

A British Red Cross team of three, which has been held up by the ban, will leave for Korea later this week.

General MacArthur's Headquarters lifted the ban yesterday following a protest by the International League of Red Cross Societies to the United Nations.

A Norwegian team and part of a Danish team who have held up in Lake Success for the same reason were to leave for Tokyo tonight, the International League announced.

A Canadian team and part of the Danish team are already in Korea, but have not begun work among the civilian population pending a settlement of the matter.—Reuter.

Schacht Rumours Laid To Rest

Paris, Feb. 28.

Hitler's finance expert, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, after a week in Paris, left again last night for Germany, not Brazil.

The 75-year-old financier told reporters before he left by train that he would shortly start a new business in his own country and not in Latin America. He had earlier been reported to be awaiting a visa for Brazil.—Reuter.

Atlantic Countries' Strength Will Make War "Unprofitable"

ESTIMATE BY GENERAL CLAY

Washington, Feb. 28.

General Lucius D. Clay, former American Military Governor of Germany, said today that he was convinced the North Atlantic Pact nations could have forces ready within a year to make Soviet aggression seem "unprofitable."

He was addressing two Senate Committees in support of President Truman's policy of helping European defence by sending more American troops to Europe.

General Clay said that he did not believe the Western European build-up would precipitate Soviet aggression.

Sergeant Gets Ten Years

Klagenfurt, Austria, Feb. 28.

Sergeant John Dempsey, of the Royal Army Service Corps, was today found guilty and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on three charges under the Official Secrets Act.

After a three-day court martial, heard in secret, he was also found guilty of more than 30 other theft offences and of obtaining goods on false documents, and two of desertion.

The sentence has still to be confirmed by the British Commander-in-Chief.

Dempsey was also sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and dishonourable discharge from the British Army. The court martial, which was presided over by Colonel A. A. Crooke, was declared open to the public during this afternoon's final session for hearing of the 38 charges of theft and of obtaining goods on false documents.

Dempsey pleaded guilty to all charges. Mr. Elliot Gorsl, who had come specially from London to defend the prisoner, pleaded for mitigation of the sentence.—Reuter.

America Not Keen Over New Pact

New York, Feb. 28.

The State Department was reported in an American press dispatch from Washington today to be "cool" towards the idea of linking America with any Mediterranean defence alliance at the present time.

American familiar with the Mediterranean told an American reporter that the United States would have "no objection" if anti-Communist nations there worked out their own mutual defence alliance.

Officials said that the American attitude did not mean that the United States would sit idly by if Russia attacked countries in the region, particularly Turkey or Greece.

The Middle East situation is being studied by the State and Defence Department on the lines of seeing what could be done to protect the region from outside attack.

Rumours of a Mediterranean pact dropped off during the past few weeks after visits to Greece and Turkey by the Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Thomas Finletter, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George McGhee, and Admiral Robert B. Carney, Commander-in-Chief of the American East Atlantic naval forces.—Reuter.

BID TO END DUTCH CRISIS

The Hague, Feb. 28.

Professor Carl Romme, Parliamentary leader of the Catholic People's Party began consultations today with other Party leaders on forming a government but political sources gave him little chance of succeeding.

Queen Juliana called on Professor Romme to "inform" her on the possibility of forming a Cabinet which would be backed by the majority in Parliament. He is the fifth political leader asked to try to settle the crisis since the Socialist Government was defeated in a confidence vote 35 days ago.—United Press.

Tug In Distress

Tokyo, March 1.

The United States Army tug, ATA-242, has disabled its steering gear and is in distress 75 miles south of Honshu Island, the Navy Headquarters reported today. It said that two Army tugs and a Navy minesweeper were rushing to the scene.—United Press.

A Suggestion For Gaitskell

London, Feb. 28.

Higher income taxes for Britons but increased exemption for those in lower wage brackets were recommended today by an organization representing virtually all trade union members in Britain.

The Trade Union Congress will ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, to consider its recommendations in drawing up his budget which is to be presented on April 1.—United Press.

"The Soviet masters would have precipitated war by now if they were ready," he said.

He said the "thin screen" of British and American troops in Germany after the war had deterred the Russians from taking over Western Germany.

"The Soviets knew that they could not go through that screen without becoming involved in a total war," General Clay declared.

He said the presence of Allied troops had prevented, in Western Europe, "the wave of terror" which made Eastern Europe fall a victim to Communism.

If it had not been for that small number of United States troops and their British Allies, "I am convinced that all of Western Europe would be in Communist hands today," he said.

HOOPER CHALLENGED

Mr. Herbert Hoover's statement that with the exception of Britain Western Europe is not doing enough to build up its defences was challenged today by Senator Tom Connally, Democratic Senate leader.

Mr. Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters today that he thought the Western European nations had "done as much as we have."

"We have not sent a single soldier over there except General Eisenhower," he declared. "We are in the North Atlantic Treaty just as much as the European nations are."

He confidently believed that if we sent ground forces over there Russia will not attack in the foreseeable future, he said.—Reuter.

UN Collective Measures Group To Hold Meeting

Lake Success, Feb. 28.

United Nations machinery designed to safeguard world peace will roll into action on Monday with the inaugural meeting of the 14-nation Collective Measures Committee.

There was also a possibility that the peace observation commission, charged with investigating areas of international tension around the world, would hold its first meeting next week.

The two Committees were established last November by the General Assembly under a "united action for peace" resolution by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

Russia insisted upon membership in the 14-nation Peace Observation Commission, but refused to serve on the Collective Measures Committee on the grounds that the Committee was usurping powers granted to the Security Council.

The entire plan would go into operation if a veto prevented the Security Council from taking action on the maintenance of world peace.

Informed sources said the two Committees would not take any action in the Korean situation but would concentrate on the long-range problem of insuring against major war.

SANCTIONS STUDY

Study of collective measures to be taken against Chinese Communist aggression in Korea has been entrusted to an ad hoc body composed of the same members as the standing Collective Measures Committee, with the exception of Burma and Yugoslavia who declined to serve on it.

The ad hoc group has also scheduled a meeting on Monday and officers were expected to disclose work on the plan entrusted to them last week.

United Nations officials announced that the standing Collective Measures Committee would meet at 2:00 P.M. on Monday at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. Delegates are expected to elect officers and discuss how to go about making a complete report by next September on methods to preserve world peace.—United Press.

French Snub To Cairo

Cairo, Feb. 28.

The French Ambassador, M. Claude de Mirville, today declined the invitation of the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah El Din Bey, to call upon him to discuss the situation in Morocco.

He sent an apology for his inability to keep the appointment.

French official circles stated that the Ambassador declined to call on the Foreign Minister because it is the considered French attitude that "Moroccan and North African affairs are no concern of the Egyptian Government"—Reuter.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

NEW YORK TUESDAY

TOE line, count 10, slip 28, take away the number you first thought of, consider crossing the 38th Parallel.

That is the American suggestion. It is being made in more diplomatic terms to the United Nations, but that is what it amounts to.

To many delegates the complex plan means the point of no return, and some ask me: "What will the British do? Will Britain capitulate to the American call?" I have no idea, and I am not sure that British officials here have.

Since Ernest Bevin went sick and the Labour Government got mired in a meat, fuel, steel, newspaper morass, guidance from London is frequently tardy and occasionally lacking altogether.

The Foreign Office, apparently, is not on the job 24 hours a day. There are delays and confusion, and communications with New York and Washington sometimes seem to break down.

Jigsaw puzzle

THE past few days have been an insoluble jigsaw puzzle. We are like an accused person, charged with the following: Providing information for the enemy; Sending huge shipments of iron and steel to Red China; Objecting to crossing the 38th Parallel; Making an unequal contribution in Korea.

The judge, jury, and prosecuting counsel are a majority of the American Press, including even the highly respected New York Herald-Tribune.

In our defence it is being said that "British gallantry is not dead," by the Saturday Evening Post (damn nice of you to say so), and "the British are the best and strongest friends that we Americans have. Thank God for them and the best of luck to them," by Life magazine. Thank you, Mr Henry Luce.

Letting us down

PERHAPS we would not be on trial at all if Whitehall were doing its work, and the Foreign Office were headed by a fit man. London is letting the side down—and badly.

The picture Americans are getting of Great Britain today is a grim and depressing one. It is being enabled and telephoned and radioed by correspondents whose accuracy is unquestionable. With little meat and little fuel, the people are described as undernourished, underheated, and suffering an influenza epidemic.

The country is declared to be in a "sorry state"—strike-ridden, plagued with inflation, and the Government to be encountering "deepest distrust."

I have rarely read such a catalogue of calamity as is pouring out of the British Isles and into American newspaper, magazine, and radio offices.

It is a dismal setting for a Festival, sounding not at all festive, and I cannot see many Americans flocking to such an alleged funeral.

Here, the never-nover, fairy-frolk land is dying hard. There is fancy talk of a new propaganda drive to win over the Russian people, and Drew Pearson, the columnist—sixth and

At UN: Fog on the line that Britain means to take

clouded crystal-gazer, urges that the United States take little sample bundles of chewing-gum and chocolate attached to coloured balloons over the U.S.S.R.

Some of Pearson's Congressional pals support the chocolate and chewing-gum offensive strenuously. If food, can be spared—and millions of tons, can—better it be sent to Britain.

What Britain can send in return is Winston Churchill. What is holding Mr Churchill back, and the major guidance speech needed here?

Many changes

I KNOW that several important American newspaper editors—newspaper groups—are pleading with him to come. I'm told that various universities and anti-isolationist organisations have urged him to make a quick visit to counter Messrs. Hoover, Taft, and Kennedy, but he still holds back.

If the greatest living Englishman does make the journey he will find changes since his last visit. There are hundreds of air-raid shelter signs in New York office buildings now, and school-children are being taught to take cover under their desks.

Out on the west coast the preparations are much more intensive. Scores of construction firms offer a variety of shelters from the economy utility fox-hole model (only 25s) to lavish shelter-suites fitted with telephone, bunk, bath, toilet and cooling, \$22,000 each. The Wild West is living up to its name. Hollywood has yet to be heard from.

Mr Churchill would also find

made of rubber and the controls remain a feeble flop.

Sales in shops and stores are 22 percent higher than last year at this time. Inflation rides in the bright blue sky.

Fashions range between the flippant and the frantic. Atomic hair—do's, symbolising the atomic bomb cloud, are being tried out by women with no taste. And platter hats, with wimples, are being worn. The cult of smoked glasses with fancy frames shows no sign of dying.

White wine is a favourite colour for the spring, and heavy jangling bracelets are popular. Nylons are available by the million, at 10s. per pair.

Stars are busy

SHOW business shines brightly. My good friend Gertrude Lawrence is now rehearsing what should be a big Broadway hit—"King and I," based on the novel "Anna and the King of Siam."

Charlie Chaplin will not shoot his new film in England after all. The picture will be made in Hollywood.

Deborah Kerr will make another adventure film, "Westward the Women," which is likely to make as much gold as "King Solomon's Mines."

British producer Dan Angel wants to sign Bette Davis for "Poison Pen," to be made in England. Miss Davis is currently starring in "Payment On Demand" at the Radio City Music-Hall—nothing like as good as "All About Eve." She will go to England if husband Gary Merrill can go with her and play opposite her.

Newest play here, "Not For Children," by Elmer Rice, turned out to be not for children, fish, flesh, or fowl either.

Inflation note: People now have to offer sixpence for your thoughts.

Footnote: Better iron out the ironies before crossing out the 38th Parallel.

What's going on This 'High Water' party went on until dawn

By EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

TWO men who did as much as any to cheer up the twentieth century were Sir Charles Cochran and his one-time publicist Major Edward Leadley. Now, in the space of eight days, both are gone.

Leadley typified the spirit of a gay, fast-moving age. His motto was "come on in and have a good time." Once he invited about 40 of the best known men of the day to a party at the Savoy Hotel "to celebrate" (as the invitation card said) "the fact that it will be High Water at London Bridge at 9.30 this evening."

There was a sumptuous dinner, no speeches, but much gay talk. Then, when the end of the evening seemed to be drawing near, the host asked the party to come into the next room. The dividing double doors were thrown open. The room was set with tables for four. On each table was a bottle of champagne.

And at each table were two of Cochran's glamorous young ladies. Diners picked their partners.

to both. As a background for his sporting activities he rented 800-year-old Rockingham Castle.

There, one night in January 1931, when Britain was wallowing in financial depression, Emanuel gave a ball which shocked the country by its extravagance.

The ballroom was specially reconstructed; cabaret turns were imported from the U.S. for the evening; 200 friends crossed the Atlantic for the party—all at Mr Emanuel's expense.

Spacious days

LONDONERS have had another reminder, these last two weeks, of an age which—though not long past—seems as remote as the moon. In the courts a peerage case has spotlighted the changes in the Fitzwilliam family empire.

Parties! The Fitzwilliams were the people to give parties. Only 12 years ago the splendour of Wentworth Woodhouse, the great Palladian palace near Rotherham, seemed as enduring as the Tower of London.

Up to the war the old earl lived in royal state. In Leger week, and over Christmas and the New Year, there were often 50 or 60 people to dinner.

After dinner, usually served at two long tables, there would be dancing all through the night. An orchestra stayed in the house during the festive periods.

Now, so soon, the Empire is falling. Wentworth Woodhouse is used by the county council. And in the courts an elopement story of long ago is told.

Whisky galore

FEW WHO know anything about the running of royal palaces will be surprised to learn that The King has difficulties in making ends meet financially.

For however much effort is made to bring business efficiency into them, the mixture of feudalism, formalism, Court customs, and all the custodians of life that exist within them makes normal home-running almost impossible.

A story often told illustrates the point. Years ago, when matters set up to recommend economies, made a palace probe—

It discovered that every night a bottle of whisky was put on The Queen's bedroom table. It was never touched. But each morning it vanished and a fresh bottle appeared the next night.

Three hundred and sixty-five bottles vanished that way each year—with 365 in leap years.

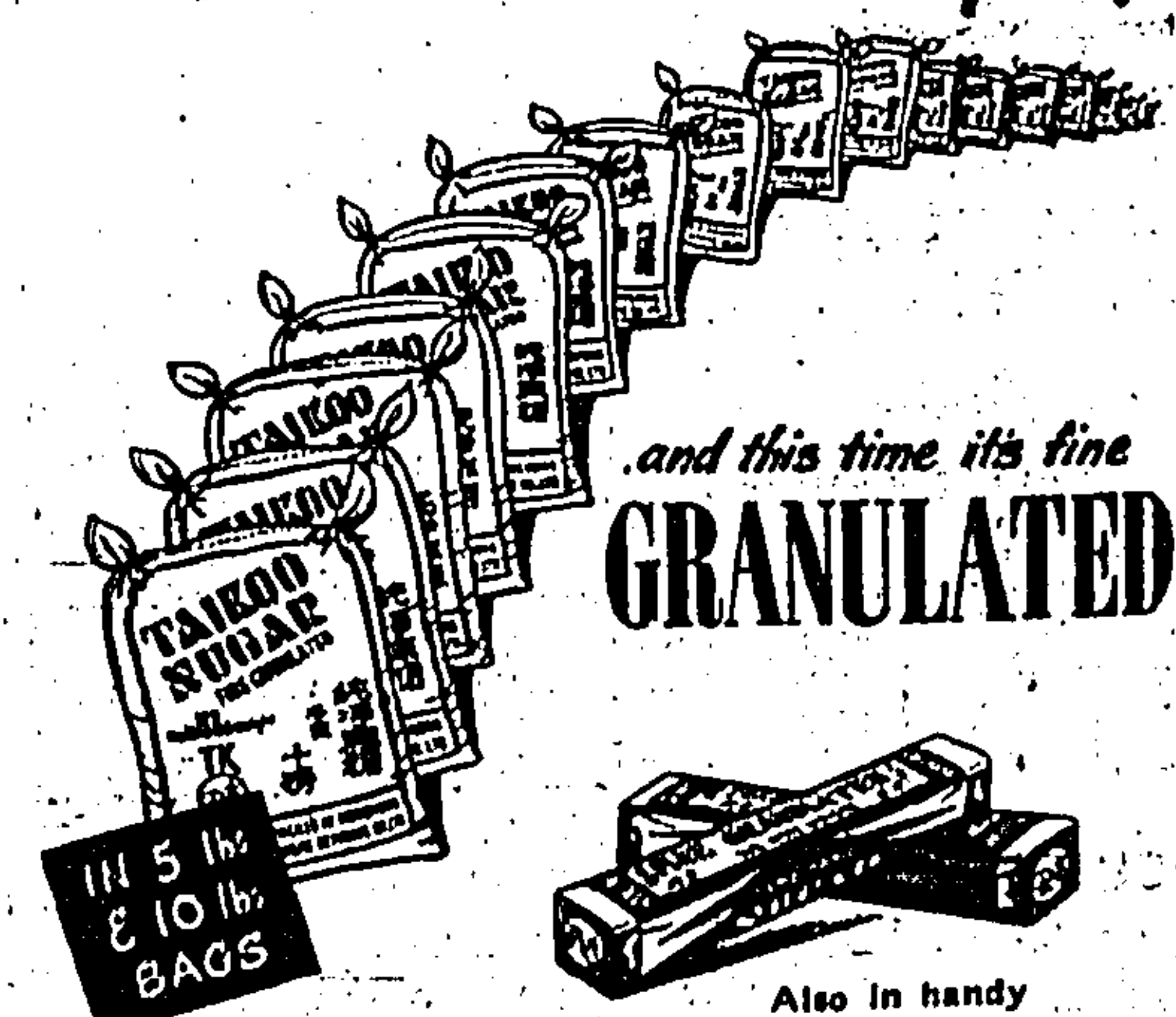
How did the custom begin? The committee found that almost a century ago Queen Victoria had a cold. The doctor ordered a glass of whisky when she went to bed.

So a bottle was put on her table. The order was never cancelled and, through the years, the bottle a day became a servant's perquisite.

The story is probably apocryphal. And time may have changed. But it is doubtful if all curious old palace customs have changed with them.

(London Express Service)

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'CATTERY' that's the danger of three-beds-in-a-ward

IF you had to go to hospital for several weeks, where would you rather be—in a private room, a big ward, or a room with two or three other people?

A room with three other people would be the best choice, according to one of Britain's most experienced surgeons, Sir Hennessy O'Sullivan.

"Two people confined together get on well for the first day; by the end of the second day they have heard each other's news and family gossip and are heartily sick of them," Sir Hennessy has told hospital planners.

"On the third day they study each other's peculiarities with increasing hostility; by the end of a week they detect each other with bitter hostility."

"In a group of only three, the mood is unendurable and cattery that one human being can inflict on another are made far worse by the two-against-one alliance that inevitably develops."

"Four people always end on a wall, they can swap stories, play bridge or canasta, do some

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community singing, or break into smaller groups if one is tired."

PAY OUT
Editors of scientific journals are complaining about the super-fat fees paid out by UNESCO—the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation—for the writers of articles it publishes.

Up to £200 of public money is being paid for a 4,000-word academic article. When science magazine editors, who have to pay their writers out of slender profits, offer the usual five guineas per 1,000 words, they are being told: "But UNESCO pays nearly ten times as much."

FISH FOOLED
★ AN AFRICAN FISH studied at Cambridge University can swim backwards

without bumping into things because it has a radar-like signalling system built into its tail, a scientist reports.

The fish, called the Nile eel, gives off electric impulses, which enable it to detect obstacles. Dr H. W. Lissman fooled the fish when he drew off its electric current through a wire and fed it back into another part of the tank. The Nile eel, sensing the incoming current, thought it must be another fish, and immediately attacked.

THE EWES DAY

★ TO FIND out how sheep fill their time in scientists have followed four ewes about for 24 hours on a Welsh farm.

Using binoculars during the day and a strong torch at night they noted everything the sheep did.

Their report: The ewes averaged only about four hours of complete idleness. The rest of the time they grazed or chewed.

Each ewe took about 45,000 bites of grass—grazing at a rate of 10 bites a minute—and made nearly 35,000 more jaw movements while chewing the cud. Average daily distance travelled by the ewes—and by the scientists—was only 1½ miles.

(London Express Service)

THE UNDERDOGS HOLD THE LIMELIGHT IN THE COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "ARGONAUT"

The underdogs, rather than the champions and favourites, held the limelight in the last two nights' programmes of the Hongkong Badminton Open Championships.

Three major upsets were nearly produced and, although the favoured pairs did finally pull through, the magnificent fights put up by these up and coming players of both sexes provided two nights of thrilling badminton, and what is more pleasing still, a very favourable augury for the future of the game here.

Last night at Club de Recreio, a sterling performance was given by W. F. Foo and Miss Dorothy Lam of Chinese YMCA, when they extended Robert Tay and Miss Marie Ribeiro, the Senior Mixed Doubles title holders for the last two years, to three gruelling sets.

With a little more luck, they might have earned for themselves the distinction of creating the first major upset of the season.

After winning the first set 15-13, they lost the second by 11-15, and were leading by 9-8 in the final set when they cracked up against the greater steadiness and slightly superior court coverage of the champions, allowing their opponents to take the set, 15-9.

AT HER BEST
Miss Dorothy Lam, only in her second season of the Colony Championship series, gave throughout the three sets what was undoubtedly her best display so far, and on present form can be ranked as one of the best lady players in the Colony.

Taking her shots well above the shoulders, she covered the net like a blanket, and was always there for the kill, whether it be a drop, a tap or a smash.

Foo's excellent retrieving again stood him in good stead in the backcourt. He started off brilliantly in the first set, but gradually his usual tricking net shots began to fall him at the crucial moments.

Marie Ribeiro was visibly out of practice but, though playing far below her last year's form, showed a steady and consistent service and came through with some valuable points at the crucial stages in the third set.

Viewing with their sister for the night's honours were the two Lam brothers, Ming-tak and King-tak. Partnering each other in their first Championship season in the Men's Junior Doubles, they surprised even the most ardent of their supporters by calmly taking the first set 15-9 of the second seeded pair, N. K. Chin and K. H. Chin of University.

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misfiring their shots, were too much of a handicap for them in the second and third set against an experienced Malayan combination, reputed to be the fastest in this event this year. Of the winners, N. K. Chin was outstanding with his accurate drive shots and smash, while the third near upset was seen on Tuesday night at St. Teresa's Hall, when the first seeded pair of S. T. Hooi and L. H. Tan survived a hair-breadth escape from defeat at the hands of Kowloon Tong's M. C. Hung and C. C. Wen.

After being outplayed in the first set, which they lost by 15-3, The Kowloon Tong pair came back spiritedly in the second set and took control of the game with accurate shooting services and hard follow-up smashes.

With only one changeover in service, they reeled off 12 points to lead by 12-1 and take the set at 15-6.

Carrying their aggressive tactics into the third set, they forged ahead with an 11-2 lead, but failed to keep it up, as the underdogs recovered from the "blitzkrieg" and gradually reduced the lead to 7-11.

Hung and Wen had six services in the meanwhile but could only add one more point to their lead. The Kowloon pair, however, showed a steady and consistent service and came through with some valuable points at the crucial stages in the third set.

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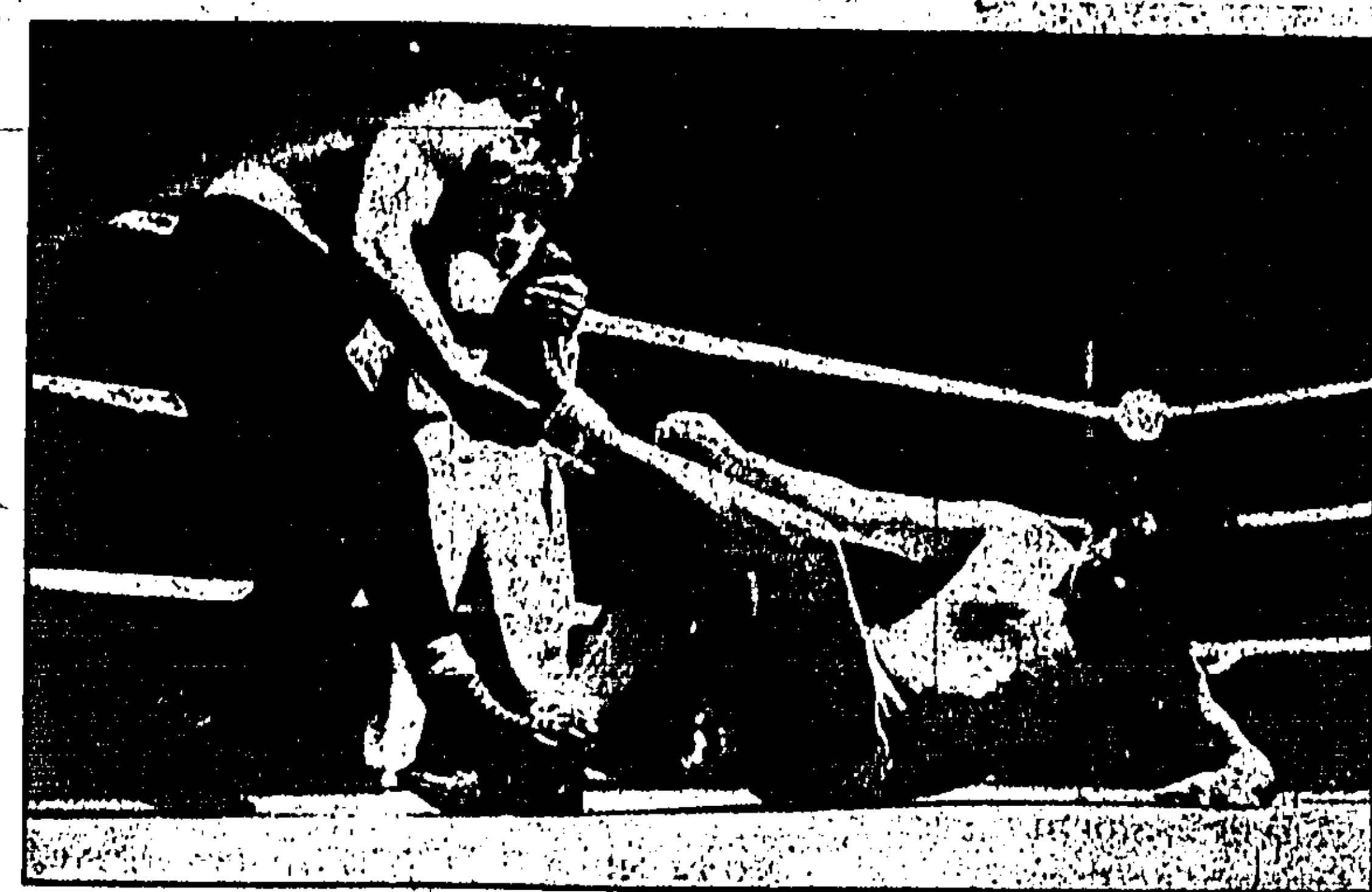
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YES, IT'S JACK DOYLE ON THE FLOOR



Eddie Phillips, of Bow (in black tights) and Jack Doyle, of Ireland, both former professional boxers, seen in action during their wrestling bout at the Harringay Arena.—Central Press Photo.

The Local Softball World Gets Ready To Name Its Most Valuable Players

By "GRANDSTAND"

With the Softball League tournaments running into their final stages, thoughts naturally turn to the selection of the Most Valuable Player of the season, an honour considered in softball circles as the highest bestowed on an individual player. As in the past, the award is based on a player's contribution to the sport in respect of ability, leadership and sportsmanship, with particular emphasis on the latter quality, and for this purpose selection committees have been formed in the

The Association have not yet indicated the method by which the MVP will be determined this year, but with the present large fan following, a public poll would provide the "people's choice". Previous winners who have received appropriate mementos were:

Senior League: Bill Woo, Benny Omar, Junior Remedios. Junior League: Junior Remedios, Junior Remedios, and Joey Grace. Ladies' League: Girdle Gaan, Alice Mar, Avarita Choy. The P. I. Dodgers, who won the Midleg League, become the holders of the Jack Shepherd

Trophy for this year. The victors had their 11-game winning streak snapped when they dropped to the Delawares in their final game on Wednesday. With the keenness displayed by the Midlegs in the second year of their organized League, a local sportsman has offered a trophy to be competed for by the "also-runs" and, provided the generous gesture is accepted by the Association, the schedule will be arranged immediately.

The Ladies' Junior League, open to all teams with the exception of the Champions, is due to start soon, and the following is the draw for this knockout contest: March 25: Canadians v Clovers. March 31: Squaws v Pirates. April 2: St Teresa's v White Fangs.

The winners of the latter two matches will play off to meet the winners of the first for the Junior title. The South China v St Joseph's playoff to decide the qualification for the title series has been pushed back another week as it was not convenient for the Caroliners to meet the Saints this Sunday, but this week's programme is nevertheless interesting in that the two Junior League playoff games slated for Saturday afternoon will decide the fate of the Blackhaws, who meet the Dragons in the second round of the tournament.

Delawares, who surprised the Hawks last week, are down to meet the Rexes for the first time in this exciting series.

WEEK-END PROGRAMME

The programme for the week-end with umpires and scorers is:

SATURDAY

Junior League Playoff
2.00 p.m. Rexes v Delawares (Bimby Abong, George Pang, Y. S. Liang, Hal Wingie).
3.30 p.m. Blackhaws v Dragons (Frank Ewins, Tony Rey, A. Tip: Bimby Abong).

SUNDAY

Senior League
11.00 a.m. Road v Dodgers (Reg. Sequira, Roberto Remedios, G. Pang).
12.30 p.m. St Joseph's v Base-batters (F. Diesta, B. Babida, R. A. Silva; Roberto Nunes).
2.00 p.m. Overseas v Pandas (Dick Silva, Art. Corio, Sherry Buckler, Manuel Nunes).
3.30 p.m. Canadians v Braves (Y. C. Mol, Wally Mar, Raymond Tsao; Alice Mar).

Ladies' League

9.30 a.m. Squaws v St Teresa's (Frank Ewins, Les Castro, G. Pang; Hal Wingie).

LEAGUE TABLES

SENIOR LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Points
Braves	9	0	1,000
Canadians	8	2	816
Pandas	6	4	600
Overseas	6	4	600
Americans	4	6	512
Base-batters	4	6	512
Dodgers	0	11	000

Junior League

Team	Won	Lost	Points
St Teresa's	10	1	1,000
St Joseph's	9	2	750
Dick Silva	9	2	750
South China	9	2	750
Medicos	6	5	600
St Teresa's	3	8	375
Base-batters	3	8	375
Pandas	3	8	375

Ladies' League

Team	Won	Lost	Points
Whooes	12	0	1,000
St Teresa's	11	1	1,000
St Joseph's	11	1	1,000
Squaws	11	1	1,000
Base-batters	11	1	1,000
White Fangs	11	1	1,000
Pandas	11	1	1,000
Overseas	11	1	1,000

OPTIMISTS' XI

The following will represent the Optimists in their first Division League cricket match on Saturday against University at Pokfulam, commencing at 1.45 p.m.:

N. E. Arthy, L. D. Kibbes, G. T. Rows, R. G. Craig, N. R. Oliver, A. P. Rayner, R. M. Macpherson, G. H. P. Pritchard, R. Thompson, E. A. L. Smith, A. White and P. P. Thorpe (12th man). Umpire: A. E. Paddy.

FREDDIE BROWN HAS PROVED HIMSELF THE WORLD'S BEST TEST CAPTAIN

Says FRANK ROSTRON

Melbourne, Mar. 1.

With all due respect to Lindsay Hassett's astuteness and artistic batting, amazing Freddie Brown, whose original selection as a corpulent 40-year-old most of us criticised, has proved measurably near enough to be considered the world's best contemporary Test Captain.

The England team's final feat in winning the Fifth Test has exceeded the wildest expectations, but it is still undeniably obvious that the team has been carried largely on the broad shoulders of Len Hutton, Alec Bedser, Godfrey Evans and Freddie Brown.

The glaring weakness all along was the lack of middle batsmen and the lack of any single genuine all-rounder outside of Brown himself.

The unexpected batting weakness revealed by the Australians in these Tests and mercilessly exploited to our profit by the bowling talent of Alec Bedser gave us a great chance, particularly in the first two Tests, but we had no batsmen to support Hutton.

Except at the close of the Second Test, when Brown made 79, nobody was able to support Hutton until in this last Test Simpson produced his majestic innings. And immediately we won a Test Match.

THE MARGIN

This emphasises that although the Australians were clearly the better-balanced team in the series, the margin was such that the transfer of one really first class all-rounder like Keith Miller into the English side would have won the Ashes for England.

That, in turn, suggests that had Compton been in form England might have surprised everybody.

It was sad when Simpson was run out yesterday because it would have been fitting for the two chief architects of this victory, Hutton and Simpson, to have been together at the finish.

But, on the other hand, Hutton and Compton are the two greatest postwar exponents of cricket and it was, perhaps, more fitting in recognition of great feats and the run of bad luck that Denis Compton should have been there to share the glories of the final series.

This time Compton seemed set for a big score but there was no score. The most pleasing thing about this belated triumph, which has restored a belated sense of values to international cricket, was the patent delight the Australians showed in the English victory.

All along the Australians genuinely hoped to see England win a Test Match and they got their wish in the delightful atmosphere nobody of the 1933 bodyline days could have imagined. (London Express Service).

Test Team Bubbles—With Champagne

Melbourne, March 1.

This morning England's victorious Test team awakes to find, like Byron, that it has become famous overnight. It awakes, too, possibly, with a few minor headaches but they are readily excusable.

Who would begrudge our unexpected victors the champagne that flowed on the tour's happiest night? The MCC paid for it, skipper Freddie Brown produced it and Reg Simpson, whose birthday celebration was deferred from its legitimate date on Tuesday on captain Brown's orders, also ordered it.

And the team learned they were also £1,000 richer because on this night of nights, to mark an official end to the Australian tour, they found they were to participate in a share of a £1,000 prize won by Len Hutton, who had generously thrown the money into the team's kitty.

As the elated Freddie Brown said last night (before his happy team sang to him "Why was he born so beautiful? Why was he born at all?") the pity of this win is that it was not in the first Test match or, better still, in the deciding game of the rubber.

But this surprise win is substantial consolation for a disappointing tour. First of all it was won entirely on merits, with no assistance of outside agencies like the weather and after Australia, by winning the Test, had obtained the privilege of electing to bat first on a perfect wicket.

NO FLUKES. Secondly, there was no element of fluke about this win because England were superior in this match in batting, bowling and, still more surprisingly, fielding.

Rovers' Cup Run Is Ended

London, Feb. 28.

Newcastle United, one of the costliest sides in Britain, today ended the Football Association Cup run of Bristol Rovers, a £350 team, by defeating them by three goals to one at Bristol in their six-round replay.

Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Sunderland by the same margin in the other replay.

Newcastle United and Wolverhampton will now meet in the semi-finals at Sheffield on March 10.

Bristol Rovers scored first against their crack First Division opponents, but Newcastle United rallied and crashed in three goals in 12 minutes before the interval.

The Rovers had all the second half play but they could not crack the Newcastle defence. It was their first home defeat of the season. Both teams were mobbed by excited spectators at the finish.

The Wolves gave one of their best displays of the season in beating Sunderland.

They were harder in the tackle, faster on the ball and combined better than their rivals. Wolverhampton set a checking pace and gradually wore their opponents down on a heavy ground. They led by one goal to nil at the interval.

There were 80,000 spectators at the two ties.

The following were today's football results:

CUP REPLAYS

Bristol Rovers 1 Newcastle U. 3
Wolverhampton 3 Sunderland 1

FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea 0 Blackpool 2
Everton 1 Fulham 0

SECOND DIVISION

Birmingham 2 Southampton 1
—Reuter.

CUP TIE IS MORE IMPORTANT

London, Feb. 28.
Ray Ferris, the Birmingham left-half who was chosen yesterday to play for Ireland against Wales at Belfast on March 7, has withdrawn from the side because his club will be engaged in the Football Association Cup semi-final with Blackpool only three days later.

The Birmingham manager, Bob Brockbank, thought that the semi-final would be played on March 17 when he first wanted to release Ferris for Ireland.—Reuter.

Entries Open For Seven-a-Side Rugger Tournery

The annual Charity Seven-a-Side Rugger Tournament for the Blarney Shield will start on the Hongkong Football Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, March 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. and will be continued through Monday, March 12, from 5 to 6.30 p.m. The quarter-finals, semi-final and final will be played on Saturday, March 17, from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

The following rules apply to the competition:

1. Army units, Naval ships and establishments, RAF formations and civilian firms have first pick of their own rugby players.

2. Teams may only be submitted by the Army, Royal Navy, RAF and HKFC after the requirements of Rule 1 have been satisfied.

Entries must be submitted to V.O. Roberts, Gloucester Hotel, by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 5. The entries must contain the names of all the players on the team.

The draw will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 5, at the Hongkong Football Club, Happy Valley. Those interested are welcome to attend.

Referees who wish to offer their services are asked to submit their names and the dates on which they will be available.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 24th, Wednesday 28th February and Saturday 3rd March 1951

The First Ball will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The 15min interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are eleven races each day (33 in all). The "Pearce Memorial Cup" is scheduled to be run on the Second Day, Wednesday, 28th February, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

Through Tickets at \$68.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup", the sale of which will close at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th February.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 23rd February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Office at

5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong or

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1951. 1950 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their Ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tifflins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

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SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Third Day — Saturday, 3rd March, 1951.

CASH SWEEPS

Through tickets at \$22 each for the Third Day of the above Race Meeting may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, and at the Branch Office, 5, D'Aguiar Street, also tickets at \$2 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting.

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"HUNAN"	Tsingtao & Tientsin	5 p.m.	5th Mar.
"PAIHAI"	Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	3 p.m.	8th Mar.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	8th Mar.
"FOYANG"	Tsingtao & Tientsin	3 p.m.	8th Mar.
"SHANSHI"	Bangkok	5 p.m.	10th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore & Djakarta	5 p.m.	10th Mar.

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"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	7 a.m.
"CHANGTE"	Japan	10th Mar.
"TAIPING"	Japan	25th Mar.

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S. "AENEAS"	21st Feb.	1st Apr.
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"DENAVON"	do	7th May

SAILING

SHIP	TO	DATE
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The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th day of March to the 21st day of March 1951, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th Feb., 1951.

NOTICE

Owing to the high cost of newsprint and printing materials, the undersigned newspapers have unanimously decided to increase their prices slightly, as from March 1, 1951.

The new prices, set according to the size of the newspapers, are as follows:

Four to Six Pages	15 cents
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Sing Tao Wan Pao
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NOTICE

On account of the greatly increased price of newsprint, we are reluctantly compelled to raise the price of the "Hongkong Standard" from 15 to 25 cents for weekdays and from 30 to 40 cents for its Sunday Edition as from March 1, 1951.

THE TIGER STANDARD, LIMITED.

NOTICE

Because of the continually rising cost of production, particularly in regard to the present price of newsprint, which is more than 1000% above that ruling in 1941, we have reluctantly decided to increase the price of the "South China Morning Post" from 20 to 30 cents, the "Sunday Post-Herald" from 30 to 40 cents, and the Saturday "China Mail" to 30 cents as from March 1, 1951.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, 15th March, 1951 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1950, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd March, 1951 to the 16th March, 1951, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1951.

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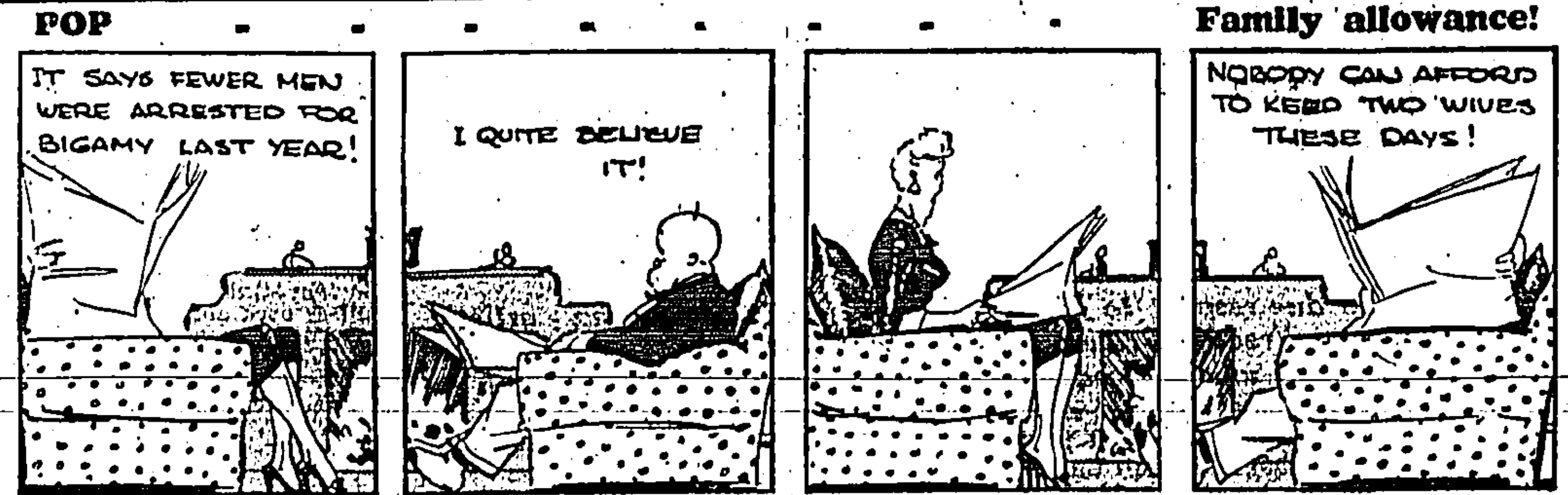
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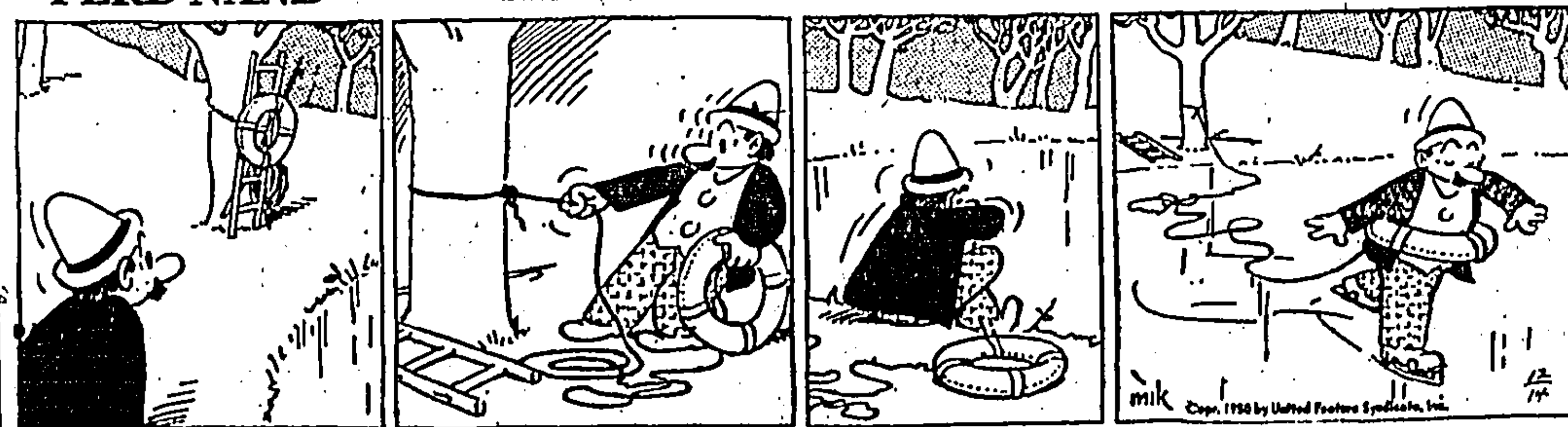
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Appeal By Coloured Delegation

Capetown, Feb. 28.

A deputation representing the coloured people in the Cape Province and Natal today told the Minister of the Interior, Dr. R. E. Dönges, that they would fight South Africa's Bill for separate representation in Parliament with all the energy and constitutional means at their disposal.

The deputation from the National Convention Committee appealed to Dr. Dönges to abandon the proposed legislation, the Bill which the South African Government proposes to introduce during the present Parliamentary session will remove coloured voters from the common electoral roll and give them separate representation in Parliament.

Mr. J. G. Gelding, leader of the deputation, said that Dr. Dönges had told them that the new arrangement would bring about a new deal and the Government had no motive but goodwill. He asked the deputation to accept this assurance in good faith.—Reuter.

LOW MORALE IN N. KOREA

Washington, Feb. 28.

The U.S. Navy said today that it has received reports of very low morale among Chinese Communists and North Korean troops in the Wonsan area of Korea. Wonsan is located just north of the 38th Parallel in Korea where a unit of South Korean Marines of undisclosed size made a landing on another small island on Tuesday.

A Navy spokesman said that reports of low morale among Red troops in this sector apparently came from "people picked up" by ROK troops. He said that a "fairly high rate" of desertions was reported among the Red forces there. The desertions were attributed to heavy naval gunfire and air bombardment inflicted by the United Nations forces.—United Press.

Truman Urged To Press For Disarmament

Washington, Feb. 28.

Twenty-three Congressmen called on President Truman today to seek "complete disarmament" through the United Nations and keep pressing for such a system "until it is accepted."

The legislators, led by Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican) said "we lose nothing" if other nations reject the plan, while "the whole world wins" if it is accepted.

A letter signed by 14 Senators and nine House Members called for:

1. A "first step" effort to re-establish freedom of communication between all countries, at least to the point prevailing before World War II.

2. Presentation of a complete disarmament scheme at the United Nations which would be effected by a special UN Commission.

3. Establishment of a United Nations police force which would be larger than the military forces available to any single nation, whose forces would be for preserving local order only.

The legislators said there were "many indications" that action of this sort would find immediate favourable response from the American people.—United Press.

New Rationing In Hungary

Budapest, Feb. 28.

The Government added salt and soap to the sugar and flour rationing begun last month, and promised to further extend rationing as the economy is attempting to undermine Hungary's economy by hoarding and speculation of money.

Partial rationing of meat has also begun, with each worker getting three-fifths of a pound per week.

Under the new rationing each Hungarian will receive 13 pounds of meat and 13 pounds of fat and 13 pounds of more than half a pound of meat weekly.—United Press.

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SAILINGS		
PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE		
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	to Marseilles via Manila	1st Apr.
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"LA MARSEILLAISE"	to Marseilles via Manila	19th May

FREIGHT SERVICE		
"DEAUVAIN"	N. Africa & Europe	5th Mar.
"MEINAM"	N. Africa & Europe	25th Mar.
"GRANVILLE"	N. Africa & Europe	27th Mar.
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Price Increase
In Britain

London, Feb. 28.
The Economist's index of whole sale prices for the fortnight ended Feb. 20 was 222.8, compared with the revised figure for the previous period of 221.1.

The sub-groups, which had the biggest jump from the revised figure of 222.8 for the period ended Feb. 6 to 337.8.—United Press.

Moscow
Announces
Slash In
Prices

London, Feb. 28.
The Soviet Union announced tonight that the prices of consumer goods from bread to bicycles will be reduced up to 20 per cent—the fourth such general price slash since the war.

A broadcast by Moscow radio said the achievements in industry and agriculture, the increased output of Russian workers, and the lowering of production costs had made possible the price reductions. As in all statistics from the Soviet, there was no mention of prices, but simply percentages.

The broadcast of price reductions to the western world was seen as dovetailing into the Soviet "peace" propaganda. Premier Josef Stalin, in his recent interview, said it was obvious that the Soviet Union could not be building up and maintaining huge armed forces and continue a policy of systematic price reductions for consumer goods.

Radio Moscow reported later that the cuts would save the Soviet people \$4,500,000,000 rubles in one year—27,500,000,000 rubles on purchases in State shops and 7,000,000,000 in collective farm markets.

"The State budget revenue will consequently lose 27,500,000,000 rubles. The Socialist State is making this sacrifice for the sake of steadily improving the well being of the people," said the Moscow broadcast.

This was the fourth price reduction announced since the end of war. The others were in December 1947, February 1949 and February 1950.

Other price reductions included: tea and coffee 10 per cent; beef 10 per cent; fat and cheese 15 per cent; milk and eggs 10 per cent; matches 20 per cent; petroleum 10 per cent; bicycles 10 per cent; watches 10 per cent; building materials 20 per cent; sewing machines, 10 per cent.—United Press.

New York Sugar
Futures

New York, Feb. 28.
World sugar futures closed today 3 higher to 4 lower, with sales totalling 375 contracts. Contract No. 6 closed today 2 to 4 lower, with sales totalling 289 contracts.

Prices closed today as follows:

Contract No. 4 (world)	5.22 nominal
March	5.29 bid
July	5.30 bid
September	5.31 bid
Spot	5.23

Contract No. 6 (1 bid)

March	5.34 bid
July	5.33 bid
September	5.31 bid
Spot	5.31 bid

—United Press.

West Germany's
Application

Bonn, Feb. 28.
The West German Government has passed on to the Allied High Commission an application for membership in the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, a Government spokesman said here today.

The application, if approved by the High Commission, will be discussed by the Governors' Councils of these bodies at their next sitting in London in September.—Reuter.

NEW YORK BANK
QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 28.
Closing bank quotations:
Bank of America 27 bid.
Chase National Bank 28 bid.
National City Bank 28 bid.
—Associated Press.

Spice Prices Up

New York, Feb. 28.
Spice dealers reacted cautiously to the news of the increase in India's export duty on black pepper, nutmeg and cloves due in the first half of March. However, prices for the spices were higher, with nutmeg up 2 to 3 cents higher, reflecting the tax increase.—United Press.

Indian Deficit May
Lead To Tax
Increases

New Delhi, Feb. 28.

India's Budget for the financial year beginning on April 1 was presented to Parliament today by the Finance Minister, Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, who disclosed an anticipated deficit of \$4,150,000 at the existing level of taxation.

The first proposal that the Finance Minister announced was an increase in the corporation tax by a quarter anna from two and a half annas to two and three-quarters.

Other proposals were:
A five per cent surcharge on all income tax and super-tax rates, excluding corporation tax.
An enhanced surcharge of five per cent on all items on the import schedule except such as were governed by specific agreements.

An export duty of 80 rupees per ton for groundnut kernels. The surcharge on import duty on ales, beers, spirits and fermented liquors was increased from 100 to 150 per cent. The export duty on black pepper and cotton waste to be raised by an executive order with an expected yield of \$750,000.

The Finance Minister announced changes in the tobacco tariff which was expected to yield \$9,750,000.

A 10 per cent ad valorem duty on the exports of coarse and medium cloth, mostly made from Indian cotton.

Fresh taxation proposals were estimated to yield \$23,300,000.—Reuter.

Bank Makes
Bond Issue
In New York

New York, Feb. 28.
A new issue of \$50,000,000 of 25-year three percent bonds of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development was placed on the market today by a group of 32 banking houses.

The bonds, priced at \$100 and dated March 1, will have an annual sinking fund, beginning in the twelfth year, calculated to retire 50 percent of the issue prior to maturity.

Weak Market

In Grains

Chicago, Feb. 28.
New crop contracts fell as much as ten cents, the daily think in a generally weak market. Wheat proved an exception to the general weakness. It closed 1/2 to two cents higher.

March	\$2.43 3/4-1/2
May	\$2.40 3/4-1/2
July	\$2.41 3/4-1/2

Corn was 1/4 to 1/2 lower. Oats were 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher.

Wheat was 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher. Soybeans were unchanged to ten cents lower.—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN
MARKET

London, Feb. 28.
Tin prices continued to weaken at the morning session. Turnover was 70 tons, all for three months. Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers	1,440
Spot tin, sellers	1,450
Business done at	none
Three-months tin, buyers	1,378
Three-months tin, sellers	1,380
Business done at	1,415
Settlement	1,415

—United Press.

Bond Market
Mixed

New York, Feb. 28.
Trends were mixed in the foreign dollar bond market. Among these close up were Orient Development, Japan 5 1/2, however, lost one and a half and Orient Development sales closed down two.

Meanwhile the \$50,000,000 World Bank issue, offered at par, brought a ready response from investors.—Associated Press.

TEXTILE MARKET
DORMANT

New York, Feb. 28.
The cotton textile market was dormant today. Mill representatives continued to labour under the confusion created by the general price freeze and amendments to it.

The wool goods market was quiet. Many mills are crippled by lack of raw materials and workers. Worsted workers are working. Rayon goods were dull, with prices on filament fabrics continued to rise.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG
SHARE
MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$8,246. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follow:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HSK Bank 1280 KD
East Asia 100

INSURANCES

Canton 255
H.K. Marine 605
Union 120

DOCKS, ETC.

Dock 12
Provident 104
S'nal Dock 20
Wheelock 3

LAND, ETC.

HK Land 5.90 KD
S'nal Land 1.50

UTILITIES

12 1/2
Star Ferry 71
C. Light 5.90
B. Street 120 @ 5.80
Electric 22 1/2 KD

INDUSTRIALS

Rope 16

STORES, ETC.

Dairy 12 1/2
Daily (N) 11 1/2
Watson 22 3/4 @ 21
L. Crawford 21 1/2

COTTONS

Ewo 500 @ 2.50

The Rubber
Markets

New York, Feb. 28.
Rubber futures were traded 200 points higher, then eased to close unchanged with March delivery at 78 cents a pound. The market ruled quiet and unchanged.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	74.00
March	73.00 bid
July	72.00 bid

—United Press.

STORE MARKET

Singapore, Feb. 28.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, 22 1/2-23
Number 2 rubber, March 20 1/2-21 1/2
Number 3 rubber, March 19 1/2-20 1/2
Number 4 rubber, March 18 1/2-19 1/2
Black crepe, unbleached 15-16
No. 1 pale crepe 22-23
—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Feb. 28.
Prices on the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in cents 71 1/2-72 1/2
per lb. March 68 1/2-69 1/2
April 68 1/2-69 1/2
April/June 68 1/2-69 1/2
July/September 68 1/2-69 1/2
October/December 68 1/2-69 1/2
March/April 68 1/2-69 1/2
April/May 68 1/2-69 1/2
—United Press.

Barter Trade
Negotiations

Manila, Feb. 28.
The Foreign Office announced that negotiations in Tokyo for revision of the Philippine-Japanese barter trade agreement are progressing satisfactorily.

Aim of the revision is to allow the exportation of more Philippine goods, and the importation of more items from Japan which are needed here. The present agreement limits the exportation of various items to specific amounts, and Philippine exporters have been urging the removal of these limitations.—United Press.

Jap Purchases
Of Wool

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
Total purchase of Australian wool authorised to the Japanese Government during the current quarter was increased to 100,000 bales this week. The Japanese Trade Ministry spokesman was doubtful, however, that Japan would be able to purchase the full amount, because of the increased wool prices.

The spokesman said General MacArthur's Headquarters had this week approved the purchase of 60,000 bales of Australian wool during the quarter ending March 31. SCAP had previously approved the import of 100,000 bales.—United Press.

Japs To Process
Ore For US

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
Japan's Hokkaido Development Co. will process 20,000 tons of Indian manganese ore for the Western Steel Company of America, trade circles reported today.

The Japanese firm is to receive 200,000,000 yen as processing charges. According to the contract, all the manganese ore is expected to arrive in Japan by the end of this year. The first shipment is expected shortly.

The Japanese plant, located at Asahi on the Japan Sea, has a capacity for processing 10,000 tons of manganese per month.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market at the following rates:—
Dollars (per 100) 154
Hong Kong dollars (per 100) 22
Yen (per 100) 157 1/2
Singapore (per 100) 157 1/2
—United Press.

Cocoa Offers

London, Feb. 28.
Cocoa offers were made at 21 1/2 cents a pound, 27.05 cents a pound, 27.05 cents a pound, 27.05 cents a pound.—United Press.

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"TJITJALENGKA"	In Port	18th Mar.
"TJITJALENGKA"	In Port	24th Mar.
"TJITJALENGKA"	In Port	31st Mar.
"TJITJALENGKA"	In Port	7th Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	In Port	14th Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	In Port	21st Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	In Port	28th Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	In Port	5th May
not proceeding to S. America.		
not calling Manila.		

JAPAN		
"TJITJALENGKA"	11th Mar.	11th Mar.
"TJITJALENGKA"	17th Mar.	17th Mar.
"TJITJALENGKA"	24th Mar.	24th Mar.
"TJITJALENGKA"	31st Mar.	31st Mar.
"TJITJALENGKA"	7th Apr.	7th Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	14th Apr.	14th Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	21st Apr.	21st Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	28th Apr.	28th Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	5th May	5th May

Agents: HOLLAND EAST ASIA LINE

EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA		
"AAGTERKERK"	20th Mar.	2nd week Apr.
"ALMERE"	27th Mar.	9th Apr.
"LANGLEESOOT"	4th Apr.	16th Apr.
Through B/L issued to Mediterranean and Northern European Ports.		

JAPAN		
"AAGTERKERK"	8th Mar.	8th Mar.
"ALMERE"	15th Mar.	15th Mar.
"LANGLEESOOT"	22nd Mar.	22nd Mar.
"LANGLEESOOT"	29th Mar.	29th Mar.
"LANGLEESOOT"	5th Apr.	5th Apr.
"LANGLEESOOT"	12th Apr.	12th Apr.
"LANGLEESOOT"	19th Apr.	19th Apr.
"LANGLEESOOT"	26th Apr.	26th Apr.
"LANGLEESOOT"	3rd May	3rd May

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US Orders
Controls
On Hides

Washington, Feb. 28.

Government hide controls, designed to assure that 23 to 25 million pairs of shoes are produced for the military this year and to meet essential civilian needs as well, were announced today.

The National Production Authority set up an allocation system under which it will determine the amount of untanned U.S. cattle hides, calfskins, and kips—"run" cow hides—that tanners, contractors and others may buy each month.

This system will replace a freeze imposed on Feb. 5 while the allocation order was being framed.

Officials said no shoe rationing is now in sight.

The NPA authorities pointed out that more than 3,000,000 men in the armed services, while requiring 23,000,000 to 25,000,000 pairs of shoes, will be absent from the ranks of civilian buyers.—Associated Press.

Cotton Exchange
Still Closed

New York, Feb. 28.

The Cotton Exchange will remain closed through Thursday—the 29th consecutive closed session since the price freeze order was issued.

A mid-January parity price report showed an increase of 15 points to 38.11 cents a pound for middling 7/8 inch cotton.

If the current parity holds through mid-July the loan rate for new crop would be around 31.00 cents a pound for middling 15/16 inch cotton. The average loan rate in this season was 29 cents a pound.—United Press.

Orders For
Machine
Tools In US

Washington, Feb. 28.

The Government is about to place a number of machine tool orders, reported to total between \$200,000,000 and \$600,000,000.

Announcing this decision today, the National Production Authority (NPA) said the machine tools industry was operating at a low level before Korea and must now expand production to meet urgent mobilization needs.

As explained officially, the Government decided to place large "pool orders" for machine tools to avoid the delay that might result if the placing of such orders should wait until defence contracts were placed and analysed by individual manufacturers.—Associated Press.

New Orleans
Ruling

New Orleans, Feb. 28.

The Directors of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, looking to a possible early reopening of trading in cotton futures, moved today to restrict the fluctuation of prices in the spot market.

The Directors ruled that fluctuations in price on the spot market cannot exceed 200 points, or \$10 a bale in any one day.—Associated Press.

GAINS IN LONDON
STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 28.

Gains were seen in most sections of the London Stock Exchange today.

British Government bonds closed 1/16 to 1/4 higher through the list.

Japanese bonds boomed. The 1907s closed at 91, up 1 1/2, the 1910s at 85 1/2 up 3 1/2, and the 1930s at 82 1/2 up 2 1/2.

Financial Times index 122.4.—Associated Press.

Ban Relaxed

Washington, Feb. 28.

The Government today relaxed its ban on the use of nickel, stainless steel and high nickel alloys in the production of order to prevent some plants from having to shut down before they can shift to defence work.—Associated Press.

Hongkong Defence Force Orders For Coming Week

Our original report, which appeared in Tuesday's issue, not make clear all the circumstances of the case.